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## NO OFFER TO SPAIN

Cubans Made No Proposition for the Purchase of the Island.

## DENIAL BY COUNT CASA MIRANDA

The Story Recently Published by Senor Cardenas Now Declared to Be Untrue—The Progress of the War.

Madrid, Dec. 1.—In an interview, Count Casa Miranda denied that he ever had any conversation or negotiation with Senor Jose de Armas Cardenas, who claims that he was a diplomatic agent of the Cuban government and went to Spain to treat for the purchase of Cuba by the insurgents. Senor de Armas Cardenas recently issued a pamphlet giving what purports to be an account of his attempt to secure the consent of the Spanish government to the sale of Cuba to the insurgents for the sum of \$100,000,000. In the tells of his visit to see persons who had relations with the Spanish authorities. He saw Count Casa Miranda, who is the husband of Mme. Christine Nilsson, the well known singer, and the pamphlet gives the details of his visit to him. It says: "When I addressed myself to the Count Casa Miranda he, to my surprise, request me to await in Paris his return from Madrid, where he would go, he said, and lay the matter before Premier Canovas. He went, and within six days he returned and informed me that the premier was ready to confer with me, providing I would guarantee that a proposition such as I had outlined would, if made by Spain, be accepted by the Cubans in arms. I told the count that I would return to New York and obtain such a guarantee." This statement the count now denies.

## THE CUBAN INSURRECTION.

See Definite News Concerning the Movements of Gen. Weyler.

Havana, Dec. 1.—There is as yet no definite news concerning the movements of Capt. Gen. Weyler, nor is there anything to indicate the exact whereabouts of Gen. Maceo's command. The latter is reported to be retreating before the advance of the Spanish leader, but there are many here, who, although they declare in public that the Cuban patriot is concealing himself through fear, say that the wily patriot general may be endeavoring to draw Gen. Weyler into a trap among the defiles of the hills, with which he is so well acquainted, and inflict upon the Spanish troops a severe, if not fatal, defeat. Many leading Spaniards here are beginning to believe that in the art of war Gen. Maceo is as far superior to Gen. Weyler as he is in knowledge of the country. According to meagre reports received all that the Spaniards have so far achieved has been the capture of a number of stray cattle and the destruction of some native plantations and huts. The war bulletins issued at the palace are unimportant. They only report skirmishes, in which the losses on either side are trifling. Rebels yesterday blew up the dynamite bridge near Ceiba Mecha province of Matanzas, while a train was passing over it. The armored car attached to the train was wrecked and one soldier wounded. Thus far 275 members of the Nungo society, which is made up of criminals and ruffians of every description, have been exiled to the African penal colonies. This society was very active towards the close of the ten years' war and its members have taken advantage of the present condition of affairs to commit all manner of crimes. The authorities are making every effort to exterminate them. An order has been issued by the local treasury to prevent the exportation of tobacco grown in the provinces of Pinar del Rio and Havana from the ports of the other provinces.

## CAPTURE OF GUAIMARO.

Cuban Patriots Secured a Rich Booty and Many Prisoners.

New York, Dec. 1.—The first definite news in the shape of details regarding the capture of the town of Guaimaro, in the district of Camaguey, Cuba, by the patriots arrived in this city in the form of a personal letter from Gen. Calisto Garcia to the Cuban junta. It was dictated to one of his adjutants who brought it to this city. The report of the siege and capture which was cabled here some time ago has been denied by the Spanish authorities, but the Cuban leaders in this city declare that Gen. Garcia's letter leaves no doubt now that the report was correct. It states that the siege of the garrisons of 295 men in the twelve small forts in the town lasted twelve days. When the officers surrendered the Cubans took as prisoners, all the men in charge of the forts, which included one captain, two lieutenants, two sub-lieutenants, eighteen sergeants, one surgeon, and sixteen corporals. All the officers were paroled but the men were sent to the mountains to work on the Cuban plantations. The constitution of the Cuban government provides for the release of these prisoners, and it was at the request of the junta that they were sent to the plantations, the letter states.

The booty captured by Gen. Garcia's men was a great boon to the patriots. It included 500 centenas (a gold piece worth \$5.30) and other monies aggregating \$21,000, 200 Muser rifles, 125 rounds of ammunition, six pack mules loaded with medicines and stores, and 500 machetes, besides a quantity of clothing. The letter concludes by stating that the captured soldiers preferred the protection of the Cubans to the liberty that was offered them. Guaimaro is in the district of Camaguey and in the province of Puerto Principe.

## BAYARD EULOGIZED.

Sir Joseph Lister's Reply to a Toast Proposed by the Ambassador.

London, Dec. 1.—The anniversary dinner of the Royal society was given last night. Among the guests was Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, the American ambassador, who proposed a toast to Sir Joseph Lister, the president of the society. In speaking to his toast Mr. Bayard paid a handsome tribute to the work that had been achieved by the society. Sir Joseph, replying to the toast, eulogized Mr. Bayard, who, he said, had endeared himself to everybody by his genuine love for the old country. Mr. Bayard, he added, must have a feeling of the greatest satisfaction, as he (Mr. Bayard) had privately remarked to him during the evening that the hope of his life had been almost fulfilled and when he left he would be able to feel that the clouds that had once seriously threatened the amicable relations of the United States and Great Britain had entirely cleared away during his term of office. This Sir Joseph ascribed as largely due to Mr. Bayard's beneficent efforts.

## SUMMONED TO ROME.

Bishop Keane To Become a Member of the Propaganda.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Bishop Keane, late rector of the Catholic university in this city, will sail for Rome on Saturday in response to the commands of the pope to come to that city and perform such duties as may be there assigned him. The bishop will remain here two or three days prior to his departure for New York. Bishop Keane goes to Rome to become a member of the propaganda which deals with the propagation of the faith and has a vast influence upon the clergy of the church. It is said that as an American representative in this college he will be in a position to do great good and still be in touch with the people with whom he has so long been associated.

## LEIUT. MEIGS' RESIGNATION.

He Leaves the Service in Order To Retain His Private Employment.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Secretary Herbert has accepted the resignation of Lieut. J. F. Meigs, retired, to take effect June 30 next. Lieut. Meigs was placed on the retired list in 1891, on account of disability. After retirement he secured employment with the Bethlehem Iron & Steel company as an ordnance expert. The last naval appropriation bill contained a clause prohibiting retired officers working for firms doing work for the government. In order to continue his work with the company Lieut. Meigs resigned. He was appointed from Pennsylvania in 1892.

## HARTLEIN'S HALLUCINATION.

The Murderer Believes He Will Be Taken To Heaven on a Cloud.

Hartford, Dec. 1.—Kaspar Hartlein, who was convicted at the state prison last Monday morning, has a peculiar belief in his mind. He believes that death is not a punishment, but a release from his earthly sufferings and that he will be taken to heaven on a cloud. He is now in the state prison, where he is being kept in a cell. He is a German by birth and is now in his middle years. He is a very quiet man and does not seem to be troubled by his conviction. He is now being kept in a cell, where he is being kept in a cell.

## Mayor Gleason Held for Trial.

Long Island City, L. I., Dec. 1.—Justice Gaynor has rendered a decision refusing to allow the demurrer to the indictment found against Mayor Gleason of Long Island City for alleged violation of the election law in making unfair appointments of election inspectors. Mayor Gleason was in court, and when called upon to plead Lawyer Stevens, his counsel, entered a plea of not guilty. District Attorney Noble moved that the date for trial be set. Justice Gaynor said he would fix a date for trial later.

Brodie Tired of Being Threatened.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Steve Brodie, who is in Chicago with his theatrical company this week, swore out a warrant yesterday for the arrest of Richard Harrington, who has followed him all over the country threatening to kill him. Brodie says the man is a crank and he has grown tired of being followed by a homicidal maniac and is becoming afraid that the man will actually assassinate him.

## New York State Canals Closed.

Albany, Dec. 1.—The state canals were all closed for the season at noon to-day except the eastern division of the Erie, which will be kept open until midnight to-night.

## THE FIGHT FOR SILVER

Wm. J. Bryan's Views on the Recent Election.

## "BIMETALLISM WILL BE RESTORED"

He Says the "Contest for Financial Independence Will Go On" and Looks for Complete Triumph Four Years Hence.

New York, Dec. 1.—In the December number of the North American Review, published to-day, Mr. Bryan presents an article in which he discusses the result of the election as affecting the status of the silver question. The issue on which the election turned he describes as "the greatest issue ever submitted to the American people in time of peace." The declaration of the Chicago convention in favor of the free coinage of silver forced upon the people of this country a study of the money question in general, and within the last four months more people have been simultaneously engaged in its consideration than ever before in the history of the world. The result of this study Mr. Bryan declares to be "temporary defeat, but permanent gain for the cause of bimetallicism." Mr. Bryan regards it as a significant fact that the silver sentiment was strongest where the question had been longest considered, that is to say, in the west and south. The gold sentiment prevailed in the eastern states, but even there, in Mr. Bryan's opinion, the cause of bimetallicism made more rapid progress than any cause ever made in such a short time. The odds against bimetallicism in the middle states were great. In Wisconsin and Minnesota the democratic party declared against silver in the conventions which sent delegates to Chicago. In Michigan, he says, the convention was nearly equally divided, and there was a bitter contest within the party in Iowa, Indiana and Ohio, while in Illinois the hostile influence of the Chicago press was greatly felt. Mr. Bryan expresses his assurance that the election can be by no means regarded as a conclusive settlement of the questions at issue. The advocates of free coinage are convinced that they are taking in behalf of a large majority of the people, not only here, but throughout the world, and they propose to continue their fight, confident that four more years of experience will convince many who have thus far resisted argument. This confidence is confirmed by the history of recent elections. Mr. Blaine was defeated in 1884, but Mr. Harrison was elected in 1888. The republican victory of 1893 was followed by the democratic victory of 1890, and the election of President Cleveland two years later. Mr. Bryan counsels the republican party to remember that thousands of republicans have been held to their party this year by the pledge that they will try to secure international bimetallicism. In regard to the gold-standard democrats, Mr. Bryan is assured that they cannot do as much harm in 1900 as they have done this year. They have declared, he says, their affection for democratic principles, while they spared no effort to secure the success of the republican ticket. "They cannot," he says, "disown themselves again. The contest for financial independence will go on. We undertook the contest with a disorganized army; we emerged from it a united and disciplined force, without the loss of a soldier. We are ready for another contest. We believe that we are right, and believing that right will finally triumph, we face the future arm in the belief that bimetallicism will be restored."

## France, Russia and England.

Paris, Dec. 1.—The Figaro, in a leading article, declares that the most intimate relations between Great Britain and France are necessary and that M. Hanotaux, minister of foreign affairs, will be to blame if he fails to cement the nations as desired by the people and parliament of France. Le Nord affirms the statement made on Saturday that the Paris government has joined the governments in St. Petersburg and London in negotiations looking to the establishment of Turkish reforms, which accounts for the sudden change in the tone of the French press towards England.

## Solicitor Reeve's Report.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The report of E. A. Reeve, solicitor of the treasury, shows that the total number of suits brought under his direction during the year was 5,646; 3,466 suits were decided in favor of the United States; 39 adversely decided; 635 were settled and dismissed; in five penalties were remitted, leaving 1,481 still pending. Amount of judgements obtained \$1,909,885; amount collected, \$262,097. Offers of compromise pending involve \$383,850.

## Silver Dollars and Fractional Coins.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The issue of standard silver dollars from the mints and the treasury offices for the week ending Nov. 28 was \$759,474, and for the corresponding period last year was \$392,948. The shipment of fractional silver coin from Nov. 2 to 28 aggregated \$927,059.

## TOWED INTO PORT

The Big Steamer Cotehele Disabled in Mid-Ocean.

## WAS HELPLESS FOR FIVE DAYS

Lost Her Propeller During a Storm and Was in Great Danger Until the Steamship Holbein Hove in Sight and Took Her in Tow.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 1.—The British steamer Cotehele, from New York Nov. 6 for Hull, was towed into this port last night by the British steamer Holbein, from New Orleans for Liverpool. The Cotehele lost her propeller. She became disabled on the 10th ult., in mid-ocean, her tail end shaft breaking and her propeller going to the bottom. Very heavy weather had been experienced and the steamer was making slow headway when the accident happened. She drifted for five days before the Holbein hove in sight and was signalled for assistance. Captain Sherlock offered to tow the disabled vessel to this port and the two captains agreed to leave the amount of salvage to arbitration. Much difficulty was experienced by the Holbein in getting her prize to port. She took her in tow on the morning of the 21st and it was 10:30 last night before the two ships dropped anchor in Halifax harbor. The tow line snapped three times, but each time Captain Sherlock succeeded in getting hold of it again. Several days of severe weather were encountered and the work of towing was accompanied by great difficulty and danger. The Cotehele has a general cargo and the Holbein is loaded with grain and general merchandise.

## THE LATE EX-SENATOR SCOTT.

A Corporation Lawyer of Ability and Successful as a Politician.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—John Scott, ex-United States senator from Pennsylvania, whose death occurred last Sunday night, was a corporation lawyer of ability and a successful politician. He was born in Alexandria, Huntingdon county, Pa., in 1824, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He received a common school education and studied law, being admitted to the bar in 1846. He served his state in the state legislature and the United States senate. His speeches on the tariff question made him very prominent. He was identified with the Centennial exhibition at Philadelphia. He was appointed counsel of the Pennsylvania railroad in 1858. Later he was made special counsel for the Pennsylvania Canal company. He was elected counsel of the western section of the Pennsylvania Railroad company in 1875. He succeeded W. J. Howard as general solicitor of the corporation. Mr. Scott lived in West Philadelphia since 1875. Since his connection with the railroad he kept out of politics. He was a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania and held other important offices.

## Reading Road in New Hands.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—The receivers of the old Philadelphia & Reading company formally turned over all the property and franchises of the company in the reorganized corporation at midnight last night. The event although marking an important epoch in the history of the road passed with ceremony. Instructions were sent out stating that all employees holding positions prior to Nov. 30 will be retained in their respective positions.

## Sons of Veterans Officers Installed.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 1.—At last night's session of the annual encampment of the Sons of Veterans, national department, the following officers were installed. Commander-in-chief, Elmore W. Sanderson, Newark; senior vice-commander, David Horne, Long Island City; junior vice-commander, Frederick G. Ward, Montclair, chaplain-in-chief, William Seeger, Carlstadt, N. J.; surgeon-general, Charles Elsie, Long Island City.

## Jameson's Release Ordered.

London Dec. 1.—Sir Matthew White Ridley, the home secretary, acting on the advice of Sir William Broadbent, who on Saturday visited and examined Dr. Jameson in Holloway jail, has ordered the release of the prisoner. Dr. Jameson's friends wanted to remove him this morning, but he was too weak to be taken from prison.

## Killed by an Explosion at Sea.

London, Dec. 1.—The British steamer Maniton, Capt. Dickens, from Cardiff for Halifax, has put into Bantry Bay in distress. On November 27 an explosion of gas occurred in the hold of the steamer, which blew up the main deck and tore one of her masts out. The first officer was killed.

## Raines Law Investigation.

New York, Dec. 1.—The committee, Senator Raines chairman, investigating the operations of the Raines liquor law, resumed its sittings this morning. It is expected that Commissioner Roosevelt will testify this afternoon. Yesterday afternoon's session was taken up with an examination of Assistant District Attorney Battle, whose testimony was uninteresting.

## WM. STEINWAY'S DEATH.

Brief Sketch of the Career of the Late Famous Piano Manufacturer.

New York, Dec. 1.—William Steinway, the rapid transit commissioner and the head of the famous piano house of Steinway & Sons, who died of typhoid fever at his residence at Gramercy park yesterday, was born in Seesen, Duchy of Brunswick, on March 5, 1836. His education was begun in the schools of his birthplace, but afterward continued in the Jacobsohn High school. He was an especially apt student, mastering German, English and French thoroughly. But while he was quick to learn anything to which he devoted his attention, it was in music that he made his best progress. He came to the United States with his family in 1850, and was apprenticed to a piano manufacturing firm. He remained with that firm for three years. Then he left it to start in the piano manufacturing business with his father and his two brothers. The death of his father in 1871 and the loss of other partners not long after, left him at the head of the business with his brother, C. F. Theodore Steinway. He was a member of the national democratic committee and a delegate to the St. Louis convention in 1888. The sub-treasuryship was offered him by President Cleveland, and he was at various times spoken of as a candidate for governor of the state and mayor of this city. He founded the town of Steinway, Long Island, for the workmen and their families employed by the firm. Model houses were built. A public school accommodating 500 children was erected in 1877. Mr. Steinway was twice married. He was president of the Liederkranz, a number of times, belonged to many societies and was a liberal patron of art and science and a generous aider of charitable work.

## REFUSED TO RESIGN.

General Manager Tucker of the Maine Central Railroad.

Portland, Me., Dec. 1.—At an adjourned meeting of the directors of the Maine Central railroad yesterday afternoon the executive committee invited Payson Tucker to tender his resignation. Mr. Tucker declined to resign and it was then voted to remove Mr. Tucker from the office of vice-president and general manager. Mr. Tucker, upon being notified of his removal, sent to President Tuttle and the executive committee this letter: "Gentlemen: I have been officially informed that my services as vice-president and general manager of the Maine Central railroad will be no longer required. I am deeply touched. This act of kindness, so nobly conceived and delicately consummated, teaches me that all is not base and sordid in this world and that the human heart, when connected with the Boston & Maine railroad, is capable of high and lofty impulses. Wishing you a pleasant journey to Boston, I am as ever,

## "PAYSON TUCKER"

George F. Evans, assistant general manager of the Boston & Maine railroad was elected general manager of the Maine Central. There is a strong suspicion that the removal of Mr. Tucker is the beginning of a movement to more closely unite the management of the Boston & Maine and Maine Central railroads. President Wilson of the Maine Central said that there were differences of opinion existing between the directors of the Maine Central railroad and Mr. Tucker, who has for several years occupied the position of general manager, and the board elected Mr. Evans general manager, but Mr. Tucker, he said, remains a director of the road and vice-president.

## The Shack Children Controversy.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The United States supreme court, by Chief Justice Fuller, announced yesterday afternoon that it had no jurisdiction to review the decision of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia in the matter of the controversy between Louis Perrine and wife and Mrs. Mary Kemble Slack, over the custody of Mrs. Slack's two children, which by the will of their father had been committed to Mrs. Perrine, the father's sister. At present Mrs. Slack has possession of the children.

## Rosenthal Has Typhoid Fever.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Moritz Rosenthal, the great pianist, who was taken ill at the auditorium last week, is reported to be in a critical condition. Typhoid fever has set in and the attending physicians fear complications will arise which may result fatally. His physicians report this morning that there has been no improvement in his condition.

## Capt. Glass To Be Relieved.

Washington, Dec. 1.—It is said at the navy department that Capt. Glass of the Texas will soon be relieved of command of that vessel and be given duty elsewhere. His transfer is said to have nothing to do with the recent series of mishaps to the Texas and will be made in the ordinary course of changes.

## Against Football and Cigarettes.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 1.—A bill has been introduced in the Georgia legislature prohibiting the playing of football in the state; also prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or cigarette paper.

## READY TO GO TO JAIL

Broker Chapman Will Surrender to the Court at Washington.

## HIS COUNSEL WILL MAKE A FIGHT

Will Test the Law Under Which Client Was Sentenced—Sugar Men and Newspaper Correspondents May Now Be Punished.

New York, Dec. 1.—Elverton R. Chapman, whose conviction for failure to testify before the senate sugar trust investigating committee in 1894, was yesterday afternoon affirmed by the United States supreme court, will leave to-day for Washington and surrender himself to the court. His counsel, ex-Judge Dittenhoefer, Senator Edmunds and Jeremiah Wilson, will at once apply for a writ of habeas corpus in order to test the constitutionality of the law under which Mr. Chapman was sentenced to fine and imprisonment. The effect of the decision of the court is that the broker must serve the term of imprisonment of thirty days adjudged against him upon conviction in the district court, and pay a fine of \$100. A collateral effect is that Messrs. Havemeyer and Seales of the Sugar Trust, and Messrs. Edwards and Shriver, the newspaper correspondents, who also declined to answer the questions propounded by the senate committee, will have to submit themselves for trial in the district courts upon indictments similar to that in the Chapman case. The history of the case is familiar, having been frequently narrated in these dispatches. Chapman was convicted under section 102, R. S., which provides punishment for failure to answer questions asked by a committee of congress, the court overruling all suggestions that the section was unconstitutional. He sued out a writ of error to have the case reviewed by the supreme court of the United States, and the government moved to dismiss the writ on the ground that the supreme court had no jurisdiction to review the judgment of the district courts in criminal cases.

## MORE GOLD NOT NEEDED.

The Treasury Now Somewhat Short of Currency.

Washington, Dec. 1.—There is no present likelihood that the treasury department will voluntarily resume the issue of gold certificates for bullion gold deposited. Within the past week sterling exchange has gradually grown stronger until now it has reached within a fraction of the gold exporting point. During December and January it is usual for imports to be heavy as a result of which gold has to be sent abroad in January and February to meet the payment of the goods thus imported. At present the gold reserve is \$20,000,000 above the reserve limit and the treasury rather discourages than otherwise the receipt of gold as it reduces its supply of currency. In round figures it has on hand net \$70,000,000 in currency available for its daily business.

## To Be Tried by Court Martial.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 1.—Private letters received in this city state that young Oscar Cespedes, an American citizen and a correspondent for the Key West Herald, who has been confined in prison in Matanzas for the past several months, will be tried by court martial. His case is similar to that of Orna Melton, the Times-Union correspondent, who has languished in the Cabanas for the past nine months. It is reported that young Melton is back in the Cabanas just convalescing from a case of yellow fever and is in a very delicate state.

## Work of Life Saving Service.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The report of General Superintendent Kimball of the Life Saving service shows that the average annual loss of life from 1877 (when the service was generally extended to the sea and lake coasts) to June 30, 1896, has been one out of 113 persons on board vessels in disaster, and the loss of property 21 per cent. of the value imperiled. The cost of the service for the past fiscal year was \$1,501,507.

## Hamburg Dock Troubles.

Hamburg, Dec. 1.—There is some reason to believe that the dock strikes here will shortly be settled. The committee of four ship owners and four workmen appointed yesterday to decide upon terms for a settlement of the strike, express the belief that they will have no trouble in settling the difficulty, as both sides seem willing to concede in some degree from the extreme stands they have heretofore maintained.

## Movement of Our Warships.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The navy department has been notified of the arrival of the Indiana at Tompkinsville, the sailing of the Philadelphia from San Francisco for Callao, and the departure of the Machias from Ningpo for Menchoo.

## Entertaining Prince Louis at Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 1.—Prince Louis of Savoy will be entertained at dinner to-day by Gen. Montgomery Moore, commander of the British forces here.



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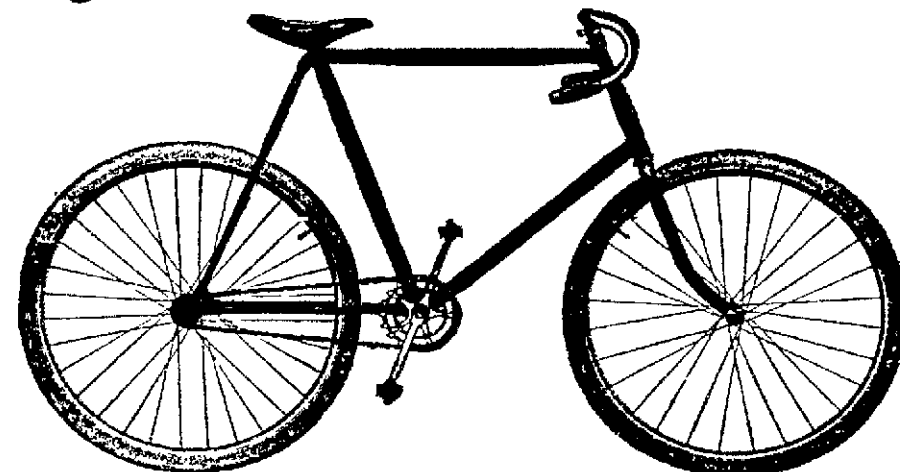
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**GAMES OF CRIMINALS.**

How Those Doomed to Confinement Behind the Bars Amuse Themselves.

Mario Carara, a disciple of Cesare Lombroso, the Italian expert in criminal anthropology, has made a special study of the sports that criminals engage in. The innocent games of childhood, in the case of criminals, are tinged with cruelty, and sometimes accompanied by homicide. Criminals skip the rope, but part of the game is to trip up the jumper and let him fall heavily upon the stone pavement. Criminals play leap-frog, but the object of the game is that he who makes the "back" shall rise suddenly and violently just as the frog mounts and throw him to the ground.

The criminals play blind man's buff, but the man with the bandaged eyes carries a handkerchief bearing in one corner a jagged stone, a piece of hard, sharpened wood, or bit of iron. With this weapon he strikes those whom he pursues. Another remarkable form of this game is for the blinded one to be struck by one or other of his companions if he fails to name the one that touches him. The penalty is not the innocent one of the children's game, but a blow so severe that a physician has often to be called in after the game is over, and occasionally the sufferer is disabled for some time.

It has been found in those Italian reformatories where prisoners are not kept in solitary confinement that prisoners' games are often accompanied with bloodshed, and that it is almost impossible to prevent cruelties. This is especially true where prisoners work together, for they secrete tools and use them as weapons in brutal sports.

In one of these games the player has in each hand a stick, having fixed in the end a keen metallic point. He interchanges his arms, revolving the sticks with rapidity, and the game is for another prisoner to thrust his head between the arms and endeavor to follow the revolutions of the sticks without being wounded. It usually happens that he receives 15 or 16 wounds and comes out with a bleeding head while now and then mortal wounds are received.

The victim in another game has his eyes bandaged and places his palm upon a table, with fingers spread fanlike. Another criminal repeatedly strikes between the fingers with a pointed instrument. If he wounds a finger then the two change places, and woe to the man who refuses the exchange. The game is dangerous although the criminals assert that the wounds to the fingers are not deep or severe because as they say, the metallic points are short and do not penetrate far—a grim form of philosophy.

The sport of criminals, accompanied by characteristic craft. This is especially shown in the methods in which the newcomer is initiated into prison life. The novice is conducted into an improvised court chamber, where the judges are his fellow-prisoners. He is placed upon a stand and gravely tried on a pretended charge, and he has barely been condemned when the stand is suddenly drawn away, so that he is thrown violently upon the earth.

Many games necessarily imply resistance to pain as an absolute condition of success. For example, there is the game of "needles." One of the players places his closed fist upon the table holding steadily two needles, one in each hand, the points being slightly exposed. It is the game then for a companion to strike with his own fists those of the other, and it becomes a question of endurance between the one pricked with the needles and the other whose fists are beaten by the other's knuckles. There are contests in which the fingers and hands are wounded, and the scars are an honorable distinction.

The characteristic feature of all these games, which are the recreation exclusively of criminals in prison, is the love of combat. If, as is held by the experts, sports are the means of working off the superfluous activity of life, it is evident that superfluous activity, in the case of prisoners, is especially powerful. It has been noted in the case of prisoners that there is a prevalence of great agility and liveness, which Prof. Lombroso considers a negative evidence of mental weakness, since it testifies to a greater development of the motorial centers at the expense of the other cerebral centers. But usually this physical energy is not properly used in the ordinary life of the criminal, and finds outlet and enjoyment in sport.

Another characteristic of the game of criminals is the admiration shown for physical force, manifested in the docility with which the vanquished in each sports submit to the brutality of the victors—a thing observable among savages.

Finally, the insensibility to pain exhibited in the sports of criminals proves that such men are less acute in their physical senses as well as less sensitive to the pains of others, since what seems to others uselessly cruel is only the usual thing with criminals. As the drunkard, his taste hardened by alcohol, has need of a stimulant constantly stronger, so in the case of the criminal, the nervous system demands stimulus so strong that to the ordinary, steady-going individual it would be actually painful.—Philadelphia Press.

**Sandstone Slabs as Filters.**

The importance of thorough filtration through sand is insisted upon by all advocates of the purification of water by this system, and reference is frequently made to the beneficial employment of filters in the case of Atlanta, in connection with the cholera outbreak at Hamburg, and to the immunity from this disease enjoyed by Berlin and Magdeburg from the same cause, in spite of the respective pollution of the Spree and the Saale by cholera patients.—Providence Journal.

**Her Careful Wad.**

He—I love you more than I ever loved before.  
She—That is all right. But do you love me more than you will ever love again? Brooklyn Life.

**THE FASHIONABLE PETTICOAT.**

It is Made of Any Kind of Silk and Must Stand Out.

First and foremost among the new styles of petticoats are those made of silk of every sort and description of that fabric, from those silks chosen from the bargain counters for as little as 35 cents a yard to the really handsome and correspondingly expensive varieties. Every brocade silk, not satin, is pressed into service. But this last must have a great deal of what is known as the body to it to make it desirable, for the great thing with all the petticoats this year is to have them act as idealized bustles or hoopskirts. There may be a slight diminution in size of the skirts for the cloth gowns, but from five to six yards is not considered too wide, and this width around the bottom of the skirt must be kept out from the feet as much as ever. All the lining and the feeds that can be put in the skirt of a gown will not suffice to make it stand out as it should, consequently what is worn underneath must needs be adapted for that purpose.

There are many sales at the different leading establishments of silk petticoats, some of which are well worth buying, but great care should be exercised in choosing them, for often they are so narrow that they will crack and split after being worn two or three times, besides which their lack of width makes the gown fall in instead of out. The best pattern of the new skirt has a Spanish flounce—or it might be more correct to say a bias flounce—put on half way up the skirt and finished with three or four little ruffles. This makes two thicknesses of silk, the skirt itself and the flounce, which is not the case with the Spanish flounce, which has but one thickness. Thus the little ruffles stand out and the flounce itself is so full that it measures nearly twice as much as the skirt itself. Sometimes three or four overlapping flounces are put on, but this has a tendency to be cumbersome and heavy. The best plan is the one flounce falling over a big ruche on the bottom of the skirt itself and trimmed with bias or straight bands of lace insertion, either black or white.

For evening gowns these petticoats are made of light colors and of the stiffest silks that can be bought, they are exaggeratedly full and have a steel tape run through above the flounce and around the hem and often on the back breadth have the new skirt extender. Just where the difference lies between this and a hoopskirt or bustle is somewhat difficult for the uninitiated to decide, for there is, after all, a great difference, so dress-makers will tell you.—N. Y. Press.

**HE STAYED PUT.**

**A Woman Who Knew How to Handle a Truly Youngster.**

A weak-looking, over-dressed woman in a Detroit street car the other day and with her a badly over-dressed and badly-spoiled boy of about five years, who seemed inclined to do nothing but squirm and wriggle and do every thing a weak-willed mother told him not to do. It was muddy and the boy's feet were covered with slime and mud from the street.

"You must sit down, Reginald," said his mother, "you'll get mud on the dress of this lady next to you."

"I'm Reginald declined to sit still, and his mother said:

"Reginald, do you hear me?"

"Course I do."

"I'm why don't you mind?"

"Don't want to."

"Then he began to squirm more vigorously than before."

"Reginald, why don't you mind mamma?"

"Cause I don't want to."

"I that the way to talk to mamma?"

"It's the way I talk."

"Mamma is ashamed of you. Don't you see that you are getting mud all over the lady's dress?"

"Don't care if I am."

"You naughty, naughty boy. Now get down and behave yourself."

"Won't."

"Won't eh?"

The speaker was the lady into whose seat Reginald had deliberately and deliberately planted one of his muddy feet.

"Was a vigorous, spirited looking young man about 40 years of age."

"Won't, hey?" She asked again, as she grabbed the dazed Reginald by his jacket collar and had him out across her lap.

"Won't, hey?" She asked for the third time, as she brought her good right hand down again and again with firm force on the awe-stricken youngster.

"I'll let you know what you will get if you won't do!" she said, picking up Reginald to a sitting position and planting him down on the seat.

"Now you see there ain't no use you hudge!" You hear me? If you can't make you mind I kin. Now you stay right where you're put!"

And he did, both he and his mother seeming to be too badly dazed to make any objection to a proceeding that delighted the hearts of all of the other occupants of the car.—Detroit Free Press.

**One of the Best Ways.**

One of the best ways to be loved in a community is to seek its welfare by refusing to hear and repeat gossip, by far, kind, generous and helpful action, by showing respect for others' opinions, by expressing one's own in a polite, business way, and by discharging duty with courtesy, consideration and fidelity. More than anyone else the wife should have the grace of silence—the crowning household blessing. She should know how to hold her peace. She should know when to refrain from speaking, even though her words be those of affection and endearment.—Detroit Free Press.

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TUESDAY, DEC. 1, 1896.

Joseph H. Choate, of New York city, has decided to be a candidate for United States Senator and will try conclusions with Platt in the Republican caucus. Of course he will be beaten, for Platt's hold on the Legislature is double riveted and copper fastened, but Mr. Choate's candidacy will give the anti-Plattites a chance to stand up and be counted and will add to the interest of the legislative session.

New York city pays a State school tax of \$1,884,584, and receives back from the State only \$696,394. Only three other counties, Kings, Erie and Westchester, pay more in school taxes than they get back, and their payments only exceed their receipts by about \$153,000. It will therefore be seen that a very large share of the cost of the common school system is borne by the rich city of New York, and under the system of apportionment the poorer counties are the greatest proportionate beneficiaries, Sullivan county, for instance, paying a school tax of only \$4,892 and receiving from the State \$25,626.

Tom Reed seems to be at pains to parade his hostility to McKinley, and he is such a power in Congress that he can do much to embarrass the new administration if he is disposed to be rancorous. Lodge, Chandler, and several other New England Senators are not enthusiastic admirers of Mr. McKinley and make no secret of their dislike of Hanna and his dictatorial methods. There is a wide difference of opinion among Republicans as to the best course to be pursued in regard to the tariff, and the silver Senators are in a mood to make all the trouble possible. All differences may, of course, be healed, but the prospects are that the new administration will not find all its ways the ways of pleasantness and all its paths the paths of peace.

Senator Raines and his special committee began yesterday in New York city their inquiry as to why the Raines liquor law does not work as Mr. Raines expected it to. The first witness examined was Assistant District Attorney Battle, who produced a transcript from the records of his office, which showed that the grand jury had found indictments in only 509 of 1,886 cases. Of the indictments tried 222 had resulted in acquittal; there had been seventeen convictions, thirty-nine pleas of guilty and fifteen had been discharged by the court. The trouble was, Mr. Battle said, that the penalties were so heavy that juries gave the accused the benefit of every doubt. The failure of prosecutions had forced the District Attorney's office to assume that on Sundays a sandwich is a meal. The practical workings of the law are farcical in the extreme in New York city, but they are even more so in many of the rural counties, where no attempts have been made to enforce its provisions.

## VERY ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIANS.

Words of Praise for the Misses Reynolds, Who Will Be Here Dec. 11th.

The Misses Reynolds, violinist and cellist, who will appear here Dec. 11th, come from New York city, where they have been most successful, especially in their drawing room musicales, which have been given under the patronage of well-known people. A year ago last summer they were widely known throughout the Adirondacks for the musicales given at Upper Saranac in connection with Mrs. Florence Joyce. Since then they have been heard in concert with such artists as Emma Thursby and Mrs. Ole Bull.

The following are some of the notices they have received:

Miss Helen L. Reynolds' violin solo, "A Romance of Sweden," was given with exquisite purity of intonation. Miss Mabel Reynolds gave much pleasure by her rendering of Chopin's melody in D. She is a splendid example of Victor Herbert's broad style of solo playing.

The Misses Reynolds and Mrs. Joyce are winning golden opinions from everyone, and the Adirondack guests are enjoying a feast of fine trio and solo instrumental music.

## A DISGRACEFUL STREET SCENE.

A Man Finds His Wife in Another Man's Company and Drags Her Away Towards Her Home.

Last night a man, who was married less than two months ago, discovered his wife with a married man on North street and overtook the couple in front of the North Street Hotel. He paid no attention to the man, but took hold of his wife and ordered her to go home. She refused to go and broke away from him several times, only to be caught again. The language used on both sides was shameful and quite a crowd was attracted by the noise. The woman appealed to some men to help her but they were afraid of her six foot husband. Finally the husband pulled off his ulster, and handed it to a bystander, and seizing his wife around the waist, dragged her away. Her screams could have been heard a block away.

The married man, who had been in the woman's company, stood on a corner at a safe distance and watched the struggle with considerable interest.

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## LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

## THREATENED BY AN ICE GORGE.

Disastrous Floods Feared in Wisconsin—Families Driven from Their Homes by Rising Waters—Much Suffering from Cold.

BY UNITED PRESS.

CHIPPewa FALLS, Wis., Dec. 1.—A disastrous flood threatens this city. An ice gorge, fastened by thousands of logs, has formed at the site of the old La Fayette Mill, and an enormous body of water, which resulted on account of the recent rains, is being held in the space compassing the distance between the gorge and the Chippewa Lumber and Boom Company's dam in this city. The weather is intensely cold, and much railroad property is threatened.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Dec. 1.—It is feared that the breaking of the Chippewa Falls jam will precipitate a great mass of water here.

On the low lands below Durrand the rise of water was so rapid, last evening, that many families had to flee in their night clothes. The suffering among women and children was intense, and many are reported as having frozen feet and limbs. They mostly fled to railroad tracks, and there built fires to protect themselves from the frosty winds until relief arrived. An engine and coach sent out from Durrand gathered up about forty or fifty of them, but so fast was the water rising that the train had to go back to Durrand. It is thought some were not rescued and may possibly have perished.

The bottoms are all under water and stock and produce are a complete loss.

## DEATH OF A NEWBURGH ALDERMAN.

BY UNITED PRESS.

NEWBURGH, Dec. 1.—Alderman Charles L. Bailey, representing the Third Ward in the Common Council, died this morning, aged 44. He was a son of the late Thomas Bailey, for many years an inspector of Sing Sing prison.

## JUDGMENT AGAINST PORT JERVIS AFFIRMED.

BY UNITED PRESS.

ALBANY, Dec. 1.—The Court of Appeals has affirmed the judgment with costs in the case of the Port Jervis Water Works Company against the village of Port Jervis.

## VERY COLD WEATHER IN ENGLAND.

BY UNITED PRESS.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—A cold wave of extreme severity is prevailing in England, and several deaths of tramps and others from exposure are reported.

## OBITUARY.

William H. Woodruff, M. D.

Dr. William H. Woodruff died at 1 o'clock this morning, at his home in Pine Bush, after an illness of several weeks. The cause of death was Bright's disease and resulting complications which affected his heart.

Dr. Woodruff was a son of Richard Woodruff, of Walden, and was born May 28th, 1831. He graduated from Union College in the class of '51. He studied medicine with Dr. A. H. Thompson, and in 1852 attended lectures at the Castleton, Vt., Medical College. In 1853-'54 he attended the Albany Medical College and received his degree of M. D. in 1854. He began the practice of his profession at Pine Bush, and continued in active practice up to the time of his death.

Dr. Woodruff was an active member of the Orange County Medical Society. He was in 1893 elected President of the Alumni Association of Albany Medical College and Union University. During President Cleveland's first term he was a member of the Pension Board of Examining Surgeons for this district. He was a Democrat who never wavered in his devotion and loyalty to his party.

Dr. Woodruff was married April 5th, 1860, to Antoinette Allen, who survives him, as do four children: Elizabeth Otis, wife of Richard Carroll, of New York city; Richard Allen, a physician at Philmont, N. Y.; Mary H. and William Jessup, who graduated from the Albany Medical College in 1894.

The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

## MOUNT HOPE.

Many Items of Personal Interest—Thanksgiving Day Dinners.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.

Miss Babcock, who was the guest of Mrs. Daniel Webster, for a few weeks, has returned to Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jeffers spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Jonas Krimberg.

Miss Melissa Part, who spent several months with Mrs. Everett Cortright, has gone to New York city.

Rev. and Mrs. Luther Littell entertained a few friends at the parsonage on Thanksgiving.

Mrs. George Jeffers and children are spending a few days with friends in New York city.

Mrs. Horace McBride, of Jersey City, was the guest of her brother, Charles Penny for a few days recently.

Mrs. Susan Bevan and daughter were guests of Mrs. Charles Reynolds for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith spent Thanksgiving in Port Jervis, with their daughter, Mrs. Isaac Van Inwagen.

One who was word along the line of the city was quickly cured without an operation by simply applying DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. W. D. Olney.

## A TIME EXPOSURE.

The Traveling Man Tells a Story of a Guileless Photographer.

"As a rule," remarked the drummer to photographic supplies to the photographer man, in the Star man's hearing, "I am willing to accept your statement that photographers don't play as many tricks on the trade as some other people do, but there are exceptions."

"Well, I never heard of one," said the photographer, shaking his head as if he wanted to butt the drummer off the line of argument.

"Let me give you an example," said the drummer, seating himself comfortably. "Not so many years ago I had a friend who was anxious to buy a photograph gallery in a southern city, and having quite a solid little wad of wealth he was prepared to supply himself with something handsome. Being a first-class artist as well, he knew that when he did get what he wanted he would know what to do with it. Well, he had me to look out for him on my trips, and in a month or so I picked up in one of the larger southern cities an advertisement by a photo man who wanted to sell out on account of poor health."

"The ad. read well, and my friend wrote to the man at once, and was so pleased with what he was told that he finally came to see the party. It was arranged by the seller that the purchaser should be there on one of three days—10th, 11th and 12th of July. I believe, as he was too busy to see him at any other time, but thought he might have a little resting spell then. My friend got there on the 10th, and went to the gallery as soon as he had breakfast, which was about ten o'clock. A half dozen people were in the place waiting, and the artist only had time to tell him to call at noon. He did so, and there were more people, and the time was put off till three, and then again till five, and it kept going that way for two days and up to noon of the third day."

"Then the photographer said it was a shame to keep him waiting longer and he would give him an hour that evening if he had to shut up shop to do it. Of course, by this time my friend was more than convinced that he had hit on a bonanza, and he was ready to pay almost any price the party might ask. To make the place more attractive to my friend he had observed that most of the visitors to the gallery were judges and majors and colonels and that sort, and their ladies. Well, the bargain was closed and my friend got out that night and was back again in ten days ready to carry on the road work of his successor, whose health prevented his enjoying such a pecuniary snap."

"And, of course, he got a bargain?" interrupted the photographer man.

"Oh, did he?" sneered the drummer. "Oh, that artist didn't do a thing to him, did he? My friend didn't get two customers a week, and couldn't coax them to him, and he just dropped \$2,000 cool on the job. And why, friends and fellow-citizens?" concluded the drummer, in semi-tragic tones, "and why? Because that innocent and guileless photographer had worked up a boom for those three days by sending out invitations to a lot of prominent people to come in on those days and he would take their photographs free. Of course, they came. Did anybody ever refuse anything that was free, and especially when it was a chance to have their pictures taken? Well, I guess not." And the drummer handed his handkerchief to the photographer man for him to wipe his weeping eyes with.—Washington Star.

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## Scrofula

sores. We had three different doctors. Pieces of bone came out of the sores. The last doctor said the leg would have to be cut open and the bone scraped, before he could get well. Howard became so low that he would eat nothing, and one doctor said there was no chance for him.

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This handsome Baby Coat of all wool Boucle Cloth, in red, blue, brown, green, all sizes, \$2.50.

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## DAILY ARGUS.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1, 1896.

## OPEN EVENINGS.

THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

## WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Fair; slightly colder to-night; northwesterly winds.

## THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, today:

7 a. m., 26°; 12 m., 34°; 3 p. m., 34°.

## AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

—Dec. 1.—"Grimes' Cellar Door," at Casino.  
—Dec. 2.—Lecture at the First Congregational Church by Rev. R. B. Clark.  
—Dec. 4, 18, 25.—Bachelor Club hope.  
—Dec. 6.—"For Fair Virginia," at Casino.  
—Dec. 8, 12.—Fair by employees of O. and W. ship, at Assembly Rooms.  
—Dec. 10.—Exhibition of the Anemioscope, at First Congregational Church.  
—Dec. 11.—Concert at First Presbyterian Church.  
—Dec. 14.—V. M. C. A. entertainment, Arlet-Gilley Combination, at Casino.  
—Dec. 21, 22.—"The Mikado," at the Casino.  
—Dec. 24.—Masquerade ball of Campagna Lodge, at Assembly Rooms.  
—Jan. 1.—Masquerade ball, at Casino.  
—Jan. 1, 15.—Bachelor Club hope.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Laundry soap cheap at E. F. Todd's.  
—New molasses, pickles, grapes, etc., at Hall & Youngblood's.  
—Pate John at J. J. Chambers'.  
—See John E. Adams' holiday announcement in this issue.  
—Reduction in price of clocks at the New York Store.  
—Large assortment of trunks at Matthews & Co's.  
—Drawing of watch at Dusenberry's.  
—Improvements to armory.

## LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—"Grimes' Cellar Door" at the Casino, to-night.

—"Don't fail to see "Grimes' Cellar Door" at the Casino, to-night.

—"A woman's edition of the Binghamton Republican is to be issued in aid of the Commercial Travelers' Home."

—"The Raines law inspectors who have been doing the town for several days, left town this morning, on the O. and W's Sullivan County Express."

—"Prof. Howe has given two phonograph entertainments in this city with his instrument, capable of entertaining 3,000 people at one time. This season he has entirely new pieces."

—"A special car will be run, to-morrow evening, for the accommodation of guests at the Dwyer-Miller wedding in Goshen. The car will leave Bonnell street at 5:45 and Franklin Square in advance of the 6 o'clock car."

—"The reserved seat chart is now at Handford & Horton's book store for the anemioscope and phonograph entertainment at the First Congregational Church, Dec. 10th. Get your tickets early and be sure of a good seat."

—"Invitations have been received in this city, for a private masquerade, to be given at Music Hall, Goshen, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 17th, under the auspices of the Goshen Social Separate Club."

—"The house of James Tighe, in Hawley, Pa., was entirely consumed by fire, Saturday morning, together with all its contents, including \$800 in money. Mr. Tighe is the father of James P. Tighe, proprietor of the stock commission house in this city."

## PERSONAL.

—"Mrs. Thos. R. Hart, of Passaic, is visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. F. N. Little."

—"E. G. Mulick, of Middletown, was doing business in this place, Saturday—*North Star*."

—"Dr. L. L. Mill-sprague, of Staten Island, spent Sunday and Monday with his brother J. H. Mill-sprague, his sister, Mrs. Mary J. Boyd, and other relatives."

## FRIENDS VISIT D. W. BUCK.

Relatives Visit the "Mysterious" Hospital Patient—Annoyed at the Notoriety He Has Gained.

Through the publicity given in the newspapers of the case of D. W. Buck, who is suffering from a bad case of Bright's disease at Thrall Hospital, relatives have learned his whereabouts, and today a niece and her husband from Long Island arrived at the Hospital. The authorities at the hospital house to give any particulars concerning the visitors.

Mr. Buck is very much annoyed by the publicity given him. He says he came here where he could rest quietly and take treatment and hoped to soon be able to leave the institution. He does not think it is any one's business except his own who he is, who are his friends or where he came from so long as he passes his way, which he is amply able to do.

## FOUND DEAD IN BED.

William Stinard, of Westtown, Dies Suddenly of Heart Disease.

William Stinard, a well known resident of the town of Minisink, was found dead in his bed this morning at his home near Westtown.

He retired early last evening and complained of not feeling well. Twice during the night he got up and warmed his feet and hands. His family did not think there was anything serious in his symptoms, and the shock when they found him dead this morning was a severe one.

A physician who was called gave the opinion that death was due to heart disease.

Coroner Decker was notified and went to Westtown, this afternoon.

Given to Thrall Hospital.

After paying all expenses the young ladies who had the leap year dance in charge found that they had a balance of \$10.45 on hand. They gave the money to Thrall Hospital.

## DID HE ATTEMPT SUICIDE.

Harvey L'Hommedieu Either Took Rough on Rats or Made a Big Bluff—Deserted by His Wife and Child He Becomes Despondent.

Harvey L'Hommedieu is again in trouble and, if reports are true, life has no further charms for him or at least had not last night, when it is alleged, he took rough on rats to end his life and was only prevented from carrying out his design by the interference of physicians, who administered powerful emetics.

L'Hommedieu has lived since last February over the saloon of A. L. Billings, on East Main street, and Mr. Billings says he never had a better tenant. He and his wife lived quietly and have paid their rent promptly. He has been in the employ of J. A. Wallace, the coal dealer, for several months and Mr. Wallace says his work has been entirely satisfactory.

On Saturday when L'Hommedieu went home to dinner, his wife and child were gone and with them all the wife's possessions. He informed Mr. Wallace and went home to his mother's to get dinner and then returned to his work. Yesterday afternoon he decided to go to Port Jervis and drive from there to the home of his wife's parents in Greenville, and try to persuade her to return home with him, but seems to have changed his mind.

About 9 o'clock, last night, Mr. Billings heard very unusual noises in the rooms occupied by L'Hommedieu.

Soon afterwards L'Hommedieu came down stairs and called out a young man named Kniffin and asked him to go up stairs with him and gave him a letter addressed to his wife with instructions to see that it was delivered to her at the same time pointing to a glass and intimating that he had taken something.

The young man was badly frightened and notified Mr. Billings, who sent a messenger for Mr. Wallace and another for Dr. Smiley. Mr. Wallace arrived first and asked L'Hommedieu what he had taken. He at first said "nothing" and then pointed to a box on a table labeled "Rough on Rats." The box was empty, but a glass and spoon were smeared with something that resembled "Rough on Rats."

Mr. Wallace made L'Hommedieu drink a glass of warm water, and by the time Dr. Smiley arrived, his stomach was in a condition that aided the emetic given by the doctor in getting in its work very promptly. Dr. Hulett arrived soon afterwards, and it was decided to make a good job of it, and another powerful emetic was given with most excellent results.

It was after midnight when those who were working with L'Hommedieu were satisfied that all danger was over and he was finally induced to go home to his mother.

This morning he was around apparently none the worse for his night's experience, and sent word to his employer that he would go to work at noon.

L'Hommedieu has had a checkered experience for a man of his age, and has caused his friends much trouble. He married a very worthy woman a number of years ago, but deserted her a few years ago for a young woman, a Miss McGill, who was employed at G. O. Hulse's on East Main street. They eloped and went to Jersey City, where they were married. The first wife caused his arrest for bigamy, and he was convicted and sentenced to eighteen months in Trenton prison, but a pardon was obtained for him through Middletown friends a few months afterwards.

During his incarceration he had lost track of wife No. 2, but finally found her and they have lived together ever since until last Saturday.

No one seems to know the cause of the present separation. The couple apparently lived happily together. They have a little son of whom the father is very fond and his first impulse was to obtain possession of the boy and let the wife go, but he seems to have changed his mind.

It is said that L'Hommedieu blames his wife's relatives for interfering in his family affairs and naming his wife to leave him. She has a brother employed on the electric road and it is reported that L'Hommedieu had in wait for his car, at Middletown, Sunday night, armed with a big knife threatening to take revenge for the loss of his wife. He was disarmed by some friends, and gave up his quest for his brother in law.

## A SHOEMAKER'S JOKE.

Painted the Faces of Darkies Who Went to Sleep in His Shop.

Two darkies, both very drunk, entered the shop of a well known shoemaker, a few days ago, and sitting down by the stove fell fast asleep. The shoemaker, wishing to be rid permanently of his unwelcome visitors, went out and borrowed some green paint from a neighboring paint shop and applied it liberally to their faces. Soon afterwards he roused the sleepers and hustled them out of the shop. They had gone a little ways down the street when they happened to see each other's faces. Each supposed that he was all right and was confused at the decorations on the other's countenance. They laughed and shouted until they began to ask each other what they were laughing at, and each resented the suggestion that his face had been decorated, and instead of feeling of their own faces to settle the question they began to feel for each other with their fists, and a lively fight was soon in progress, which was continued until a crowd began to gather, when both darkies, fearing arrest, ran away.

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## AN EARLY MORNING FIRE.

A House on Cortland Street Badly Damaged—Most of the Contents Saved.

An alarm of fire was sounded, at 2:30 o'clock this morning, from box 27, and the firemen, who quickly responded, located the fire in the two-story frame house belonging to Pound & Jordan on Cortland street, in the rear of their brick business block.

The house was occupied by John H. Krom and his wife, Alice I. Krom, the clairvoyant, and their son, about ten years old. Mr. and Mrs. Krom are probably indebted to the latter for their escape from suffocation. The little fellow awoke to find the house filled with smoke and heard the crackling of the flames and aroused his parents.

Mr. Krom is a very nervous individual and would have jumped from the window of his bedroom on the second floor but for the presence of mind of his little son, who led him down the stairs. Mrs. Krom looked after herself and some of her valuables.

Mr. Krom startled the whole neighborhood by firing off his revolver and shouting "murder," and some one then sent in the alarm.

The fire probably originated from a defective chimney in the rear part of the building and spread rapidly, and by the time the firemen had extinguished the flames the house was practically ruined.

The firemen and neighbors saved most of the household goods, but the carpets and some other articles were either burned or ruined with smoke and water.

A little dog, a water spaniel, belonging to the boy, was forgotten in the general excitement and was suffocated.

The building was insured for \$800 and the furniture for \$700 through the agency of Case & Taylor.

## CONVICTED OF ARSON.

Believed to Be Also Guilty of the Murder of His Wife.

Herman Paul Schultz, of New York city, who is believed to have shot his wife at Shohola in September has been found guilty in New York of arson and sentenced to nineteen years' imprisonment.

Schultz's wife had left New York on account of her persecutions of her husband and found employment at the boarding house of John Wohlforth, near Shohola. Schultz discovered her whereabouts and appeared at the house Sept. 30th. The couple were heard quarreling during the day, and next morning Schultz came down stairs and said his wife had shot herself. Schultz was arrested, but was discharged after the inquest and went to New York, where he was arrested for arson on complaint of his son, Charles Edward Schultz, who desired to hold him until an indictment for murder could be obtained.

While Pike county justice was slumbering Schultz was tried and convicted in New York.

## A VERY CLOSE CALL.

An Erie Switchman's Head Squeezed Between the Cars.

This morning, while W. R. Winfield, a switchman in the Erie yard, was making a coupling between a box car and a flat car loaded with bridge iron his head was caught between the end of an iron beam which extended over the flat car and the end of the box car.

He was badly squeezed and had two ugly scalp wounds, but Doctors Purdy and Schultz who were called to treat him found that the skull was not fractured and do not consider the injuries serious.

Mr. Winfield was able to walk home. He certainly had a very narrow escape.

Typoid Fever at Highland Falls.

There are so many cases of typhoid fever at Highland Falls that Rev. Father O'Keefe, on Sunday last, urged from the pulpit that something be done to stop its ravages. He suggested a system of sewerage and boiling of the water used for drinking purposes.

Nine Cents a Barrel.

Forty barrels of apples were recently sent to New York by Joseph Tallmadge, a farmer of Union Vale, Dutchess county, and his net profit was just nine cents a barrel.

Be Sure Your are Right.

And then go ahead. If your blood is impure your appetite fails, your nerves weak, you may be sure that Hood's Sarsaparilla is what you need. You take no substitute, but pure Hood's and only Hood's. This is the medicine which has the largest sales in the world. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier.

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## INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

St. James' Parish Meeting—Want to Bowl a Goshen Team—Trying to Arrange a Football Game—A Masquerade—James Gregory's Funeral—To Rehearse in Middletown.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The officers of St. James' Church made their reports at the parish meeting last night. Refreshments were served in the Sunday school room.

—The Monticello bowling team wants to play Goshen, but Goshen has no team just at present.

—Efforts will be made to arrange a game of football for Dec. 9th between the Goshen team and the crack eleven of the Cornwall Military School.

—The Goshen Separate Social Club has issued invitations for a masquerade ball at Music Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 17. Concert at 8:30. Dancing at 9. Berg's orchestra of five pieces will furnish the music. Refreshments will be served.

—The funeral of the late James Gregory was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

—The Goshen Vocal Society will hold its next rehearsal at Middletown Friday night.

—Wm. McNiece has begun the erection of a new cottage on his lot on Wickham avenue.

—George Fritz held the number which drew the watch at S. P. Dusenberry's trolley waiting room.

## PUBLIC VOICE.

The Ladies' Club at the State Hospital.

EDITOR ARGUS.—Permit me to take exception to your note in yesterday's issue, relative to the Ladies' Club, the members of which, through great inconvenience and in a drizzling rain storm, made their way to the hospital to entertain the patients.

I voice the sentiments of all expressed comments, by saying the entertainment was without an objectionable nature, and the patients have never been more pleasantly entertained by any visiting company.

That the Ladies Club would be most heartily welcomed again by the patients, admits of no question, and as "all the world's a stage," allow me to speak in behalf of absent players, who deserve nothing but sincere commendation.

FAIR PLAY  
State Hospital, Dec. 1, 1896.

## At the Casino To-night.

The popular young comedian, James B. Mackie, will be seen in the great laughing comedy, "Grimes' Cellar Door," which is said to be gay, merry fun from first to last, relieved only by bright musical numbers, original songs, dances and specialties which are thickly strewn throughout the performance. Much is expected of this attraction, as Mackie's work as "Grimes' Me Boy" in "A Bunch of Keys," while excellent, gave promise of his doing even better work in a better comedy. His supporting company is large and strong.

## Improvements at the Armory.

As will be seen by an advertisement in another column of this paper, sealed proposals for building a gallery, etc., in the State armory in this city will be received up to 12 o'clock, noon, Friday, Dec. 11th, 1896, at the State Arsenal, New York city. Plans may be seen at the above place, also at the armory in this city.

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To make it apparent to thousands who think themselves ill that they are not infected with any disease, but that the system simply needs cleansing is to bring comfort home to their hearts, as a positive condition is easily cured by using Syrup of Figs. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only, and sold by all druggists.

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**They Have an Advantage.**  
The man who owned an ugly little pug dog looked at him with apparent admiration.  
"I see a certain celebrated physician has decided that dogs really think," he said.  
"Not at all unlikely," returned the man who didn't think much of pugs and thought still less of pug-owners. "I myself have seen instances where they seem to have a very decided advantage over their masters."—Chicago Post.

**Better Than a Doctor.**  
A lawyer had a great reputation for collecting bad debts. It was to this lawyer that little Bob Finchley repaired when he was requested to run quick for a doctor, as a neighbor's child had swallowed a coin.  
"Bother the doctor!" cried Bob; "run for Lawyer Johnson; he'll get the money out of him quicker than a dozen doctors."—Tit-Bits.

**When Man Proposes.**  
If dealing in lottery documents is so unlawful, pray how is it the marriage license clerk happens to get away?  
—Chicago Times-Herald.

**JUST THE SEASON.**  
A stroke denotes clients broken.  
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.  
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.  
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.



"Where are you going, my Turkey maid?"  
"I am going a-walking, sir," she said.  
"You had better be careful, my Turkey maid. Or some one will ax you, miss," he said.  
—N. Y. Herald.

**Gastronomical.**  
"Tis now the rubber doughnut. While times are getting drier, Takes on another twist or two And calls itself a cruller."  
—Chicago Record

**Her Theory.**  
"I always hate to hear about a man's being henpecked," the small woman with the firm-set lips remarked.  
"I don't see why."  
"Because I don't believe that any such thing as being henpecked exist. When a man complains of it, it generally means that he's too indolent to do his own thinking."—Washington Star.

**A Permanent Cure.**  
Jaggs—A Jones used Doctor Kill-cure's elixir of life he has not been troubled with rheumatism.  
Baggs—Do you think it's a permanent cure?  
Jaggs—Oh, yes; he's dead.—Democrat's Magazine.

**Fatal Symptom.**  
"I am sorry to see that Mrs. Mahle appears to be losing interest in religious things."  
"Why, Dr. Fourthly, how can you say that?"  
"She has joined the choir."—Chicago Tribune.

**All J. Bull Wants.**  
"Aw, what part of the turkey do you prefer?" asked the carver.  
"Give me," replied John Bull, "a couple of drumsticks, a wing or two, some of the white meat and a lot of the stuffing."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

**Self-Preservation.**  
Wealthy Old Gent—What! Marry my daughter? You are being supported by your father.  
Suitor—Yes, sir, but my father is tired of supporting me, and I thought I'd better get into another family.—N. Y. Weekly.

**A Comparison.**  
"Women have more sense about marriage than men."  
"You can't prove it."  
"Yes I can. A woman knows when she is old, but as long as a man can totter he considers himself marriageable."—Chicago Record.

**Too Common.**  
"Did you ever notice that almost all these misers reported in the papers are single men?" asked Mr. Watts.  
"Yes," answered Mrs. Watts, "married misers are too common to be mentioned."—Indianapolis Journal.

**Very Unlucky.**  
"I am the unluckiest person in all the world."  
"Why do you say so?"  
"Whenever I talk about anybody behind their backs they are always sure to be there."—Chicago Record.

**A Fresh Start.**  
"Have you paid my bill at Chint & Chally's yet, dear?" said Mrs. Darley to her husband.  
"Yes, love."  
"Good! Then I can begin to work up another."—N. Y. Journal.

**The Plumber's Gentle Art.**  
"Seems to me this is a pretty steep charge for a few hours' work."  
"Oh, we ain't a-chargin' you fer th' work; we're a-chargin' fer them six days we stayed away after we come an' sized up the job."—Chicago Record.

**Of No Use to Her.**  
Ella—How did you come to break your engagement with Fred?  
Stella—What good was he to me with rheumatism in both arms?—Town Topics.

**Perfectly Safe.**  
Mrs. Featherweight (to cabman)—You're sure you won't run away with me?  
Cabby—No, mem; I've been married these twenty years.—Tit-Bits.

**For Infants and Children**  
**THE FRANKLIN BREAD**  
Is the best Food in the world.  
Always ask for Franklin Mills Fine Flour of the Entire Wheat. All leading Grocers sell it.  
**FRANKLIN MILLS CO., LOCKPORT, N. Y.**

**LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.**  
For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

12	Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
13	North street and Low avenue, hat shop.
14	North St. and Winer Ave., type shop.
15	Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
16	Grand avenue and Prince street.
17	Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
18	West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
19	North street, corner Wickham avenue.
20	James and Henry streets.
21	Wickham avenue, corner Erie crossing.
22	Lake avenue and West street.
23	W. Main street, corner Munhagen avenue.
24	State Hospital Gate.
25	Prospect street and Highland avenue.
26	Rear of State Hospital.
27	Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
28	High and Hunford streets.
29	Kanal street, confectionery.
30	Murphy and Fulton streets.
31	Fairview avenue and South street.
32	Fulton street and East avenue.
33	Academy avenue and Railroad avenue.
34	East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
35	Academy avenue and Genuing street.
36	Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
37	Academy and Sprague avenues.
38	East Main street and Prospect avenue.
39	North street, near Orchard.
40	Franklin Square.
41	Turn before a box number, denotes that a cart is being made.
1	stroke denotes clients broken.
2-2-2	strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3	strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4	strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

**Mother Gray's Sweet Worm Powders**  
were successfully used in treating children's complaints by Mother Gray, for years a nurse in the Children's Home at New York. They will certainly remove all kinds of worms, and when a child is feverish, with bad stomach and irregular bowels, they always cure. Pleasant and harmless as milk. Mothers should give Mother Gray's Sweet Worm Powders to their children occasionally through the year. They prevent worms-forming. Sold by all druggists. Price 25 cents. Sample sent free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, turns are quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. W. D. Olney.

**Try Allen's Foot-Ease.**  
A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season of the year your feet feel swollen and hot, and get tired easily. If you have nothing new, new shoes or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cures the feet and makes walking easy. Cures and prevents swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package sent free by mail. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Absolutely pure, perfectly harmless, and invariably reliable are the qualities of One Minute Cough Cure. It never fails in colds, croup and lung troubles. Children like it because it is pleasant to take and it helps them. W. D. Olney.

**A Good Investment.**  
On receipt of ten cents, cash or stamps, a generous sample will be mailed of the most popular Catarrh and Hay Fever Cure (Ely's Cream Balm) sufficient to demonstrate its great merit. Full size 50 cents.

**ELY BROTHERS.**  
56 Warren St., New York City.  
I suffered from Catarrh three years; it got so bad I could not work. I used two bottles of Ely's Cream Balm and am entirely well; I would not be without it.—A. C. Clarke, 341 Shawmut avenue, Boston.

Soothing, and not irritating, strengthening, and not weakening, small, but effective—such are the qualities of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. W. D. Olney.

**CASTORIA**  
For Infants and Children.  
The fact is, Castoria is in every wrapper.

**A Famous German Doctor's Work.**  
Consumption is now known to be curable if taken in time—the German remedy known as Otto's Cure, having been found to be an almost certain cure for the disease. Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, Coughs, Colds, Pneumonia, and all throat and lung diseases are quickly cured by Dr. Otto's great German Remedy. Sample bottles of Otto's Cure are being given away by our agent, J. J. Chambers, 57 North St., near Post Office. Large bottles 50 and 75c.

**A Great Medicine Given Away.**  
J. J. Chambers is now giving free to all a trial package of the great herbal remedy, Bacon's Colery King. If ladies suffering from nervous disorders, and constipation will use this remedy they will soon be free from the headaches and ac knaches that have caused them so much suffering. It is a perfect regulator. It quickly cures biliousness, indigestion, eruptions of the skin and all blood diseases. Large sizes 25 and 50 cents.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where his liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps." W. D. Olney.

**One Minute Cough Cure, cures.**  
That is what it was made for.

Time Table in Effect Sept. 13th, 1896.  
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